

AREA CLOSURE for PUBLIC SAFETY

OKANOGAN-WENATCHEE NATIONAL FOREST

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest:

To go into or be upon any area closed for protection of public health or safety. For the purposes of this order, it is prohibited to enter or be within National Forest System lands, roads, or trails within the area of the Cle Elum Ranger District closure area consisting of: Taneum Road 3300 at the junction of Road 3300-114 then following 3300 westward to the junction for Road 4510 whereupon the closure boundary proceeds north then east to the junction with Road 114 which it follows to the point of origin per this closure description. Refer to the closure area map as shown in Exhibit A. Included in this closure are: the segment of Trail 1326 closed where it crosses Road 114 (T19N, R15E, Section 18) and proceeds westward to its junction with Trail 1334 (T19N, R14E, Section 16); the segment of Trail 1377 from its junction with Trail 1378 to its junction with Trail 1367 (T19N, R14E, Section 26); the entirety of Trail 1377.2.

This closure is effective as of **August 25, 2014** and will remain in effect until terminated.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission, including Washington State employees in performance of an official duty and their authorized contractors.
2. Any Federal, State or local officer or a member of any organized search and rescue, emergency services or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Any private land owner exercising an existing right to access their own private property which is otherwise within the closure area as described above.

This prohibition is in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

Done at Wenatchee, Washington this 25th day of August, 2014.

/s/ Michael L. Balboni

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Violations of these prohibitions are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. (16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559 and 3571).

Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan

Background: An emergency closure order is necessary for public safety due to fire in the Taneum Creek, Butte Creek areas. It is prudent to close this area until fire is suppressed and the area is safe for public occupancy. Only Agency personnel, or those persons involved in firefighting and suppression activities or law enforcement patrols are allowed access under this permit. This closure is based on recommendations of the District Ranger, Fire personnel, and law enforcement personnel due to public safety and fire fighter safety concerns.

Intent of Closure: To provide for public safety during the time that wildfire hazards remain.

Enforcement Plan: The following activities need to occur to implement this special order in a manner that results in public acceptance and safety:

Action	Responsible Official	Date
Prepare proposed order	District Ranger	August 21, 2014
Review proposed order	Patrol Captain	August 21, 2014
Approve proposed order	Forest Supervisor	August 21, 2014
Prepare news release for local Media	Public Information Officer	August 21, 2014
Install closure barriers and Enforcement	Fire Security Staff	August 21, 2014
Post area with closure order	Fire and District Staff	August 21, 2014

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Date

The following roads, trails and campgrounds near the closure are OPEN:

Taneum Road 3300 -- Open from I-90 until reaching the junction with Forest Road 3300-114.

Taneum Rental Cabin -Open by reservation only.

Ice Water Campground -Open

Taneum Junction Trailhead -- Open

Forest Service Road 3350 -Open

Forest Service Road 4510 - Open to its junction with Road 114.

Gooseberry Trail #1227

Little Creek Basin Trail #1334

North Ridge Trail # 1321

Granite Creek Trail #1326.1

Fishhook Flats Trail #1378

Taneum Ridge Trail #1363

South Fork Taneum Trail #1367

North Fork Taneum Trail #1377 - Open from its eastern terminus to its junction with Trail #1378, and from its junction with #1367.

South Cle Elum Ridge Trail #1326 -Open from its eastern terminus to its crossing of Road 114, and from its junction with #1334.

The following roads, trails and campgrounds in the closure order are CLOSED:

Forest Service Road 3300 from its junction with Road 114.

Forest Service Road 4510 from its junctions with Roads 3300 and 114.

Forest Service Road 114

Taneum Campground

South Cle Elum Ridge Trail #1326 from its crossing of Road 114 to its junction with Trail #1334.

North Fork Taneum Trail #1377 from its junction with #1378 to its junction with #1367.

Lightning Point Trail #1377.2